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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Request, claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of Ogawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,455,867) in view of Imai (EP 0898421). Claims 3-7 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of Ogawa in view of Imai and Nelson et al. (USP 5,508,507, hereinafter "Nelson"). Claims 8-10 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of Ogawa in view of Imai and Luke (USP 6,218,668).

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Along with this Request, Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer with regards to the Ogawa patent. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of record.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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